

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**

<b>PERNELL D. WALKER-WHITFIELD,</b>	)	
Appellant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Vet. App. No. 19-2438
	)	
<b>ROBERT L. WILKIE,</b>	)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,	)	
Appellee.	)	

**STIPULATED AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 42, the parties respectfully submit to the Court the terms of their settlement of this case. There is one issue in this case: (1) Appellant's entitlement to Dependents' Educational Assistance benefits. The parties have agreed to settle this issue by awarding Appellant entitlement to courses in social work assistance, including courses in social work assistance taken in 2015 at Georgia Northwestern Technical College..

In the decision on appeal, the Board considered whether Appellant is entitled to Dependents' Educational Assistance benefits for her coursework in social work assistance. The Board denied continued entitlement to these benefits, as it found that social work assistance was not in the "same general field" as the coursework for which Appellant had previously obtained Dependents' Educational Assistance benefits. (R. at 5-10). However, social work assistance is in the "same general field" as Appellant's previous coursework in healthcare management reimbursement. 38 U.S.C. § 3691; 38 C.F.R. § 21.3046(c)(1)(ii). Appellant is therefore entitled to Dependents' Educational Assistance benefits for coursework in social work assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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